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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in opposition to H.R. 21.

A top U.S. security priority must be energy independence in perpetuity.

We know high oil prices hit working families hard. Last year, the Biden administration rightly released oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and oil prices dropped \$1.69 a gallon in my area.

Unfortunately, the bill we had debated adds layers of bureaucracy—four agencies and departments thick—limiting our progress to stabilize prices.

America must have an all-of-the-above energy profile. Here is yet another handout to Big Oil. It forces the leasing of additional lands to oil companies while vast amounts of current federally leased land sites are already going unused.

Leasing land is not the same as production.

H.R. 21 would hamstring our ability to protect people and companies from spiking gasoline prices.

I fought hard to save the Strategic Petroleum Reserve when others here tried to decommission it. American energy security means national independence. We should settle for no less.

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

(Mr. MORAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, as we recognize National School Choice Week, I rise to support educational freedom and efforts to empower our Nation's parents to make the educational decisions best for their families.

Over the last 2 years, we have seen our school systems and classrooms weaponized, pushing political agendas on our Nation's children.

These agendas have undermined the core purpose of our school systems: educating our children and preparing them for a successful future. These biased agendas are nothing more than liberal propaganda forced on our children, and they simply do not belong in the classroom.

As the proud parent of four school-age children, I understand how critical it is for parents to direct the education of their children, whether through the public school system, private schools, charter schools, homeschools, or otherwise. Each is a vital part of our educational system.

As one of the newest members of the Committee on Education and Workforce, I look forward to restoring the rights of parents to direct their child's education, not the Federal Government acting in loco parentis.

NEVER FORGET THE WORST GENOCIDE IN HISTORY

(Mr. GOLDMAN of New York asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, we often say the words "never forget." Never forget the worst genocide in history, we say.

Today, on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we must acknowledge the uncomfortable reality that we as a country are not adequately passing the critical lessons from the Holocaust on to the next generations.

As the Representative of Borough Park in Brooklyn, with the largest population of Holocaust survivors and their families in the country, and as a proud American Jew from New York State, this is deeply personal to me and my constituents.

We must continue to educate the next generations of Americans to understand the importance of the Holocaust so that it is not lost and that we never forget.

I would like to stand here and read the names of my neighbors, those in my community who lost family and other loved ones in the Holocaust, but that list is just far too long.

Instead, I ask that each of us take a moment to reflect today, to confront our past, and to acknowledge the work that must be done in the future to make sure that we truly never forget.

THE WAR IN UKRAINE

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, sometimes the press—when a story goes on for months and months—begins to not pay attention or address things they ought to be addressing. I am going to briefly address the Ukraine war.

It sure would be wonderful if that war ended. There are different estimates as to the number of people killed in that war, but I think all estimates would put it over 20,000 people.

This—for countries that, quite frankly, have problems and a shortage of people—is not frequently commented on, but Ukraine has the second lowest birth rate of any sizable country in the world. Russia also has a low birth rate and has a lot of people immigrating.

I would hope the press, or our government would look for somebody—we can't do it—but look for some country, France, Turkey, Israel, someone to broker peace here before any more people die, and the hatred that inevitably comes with war becomes greater and greater.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, as chair of the Congressional Youth Mentoring Caucus, I rise to recognize National

Mentoring Month to celebrate the impact of youth mentoring and ask caring adults across the country to consider becoming mentors as our youth face the overwhelming challenges of our time.

One-third of young people in the United States don't have a meaningful connection with a responsible adult outside their homes, but such connections can have a powerful, positive impact on their economic mobility, mental health, violence prevention, and identity development.

I have been a youth mentor since college, and it is incredibly rewarding. I have been honored to participate in and celebrate the personal and professional growth of scores of young people.

This week, we welcome mentors from across the country to Capitol Hill, including visitors from the Philadelphia region who work with MENTOR and Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and we heard about the work they do to support young people in our communities every day.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all adults to consider how they can serve their communities and the next generation by becoming mentors through sports, career exploration, school, or faith-based programs.

HONORING THE LIVES OF SERGEANT STEVEN ROBIN AND OFFICER BRANDEN ESTORFFE

(Mr. EZELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor two fallen heroes: Bay St. Louis Police officers, Sergeant Steve Robin and Officer Branden Estorffe, who were shot and killed in the line of duty this past December.

Sergeant Robin served 3 years with the Bay St. Louis Police Department after prior service with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Estorffe served 2 years with the Bay St. Louis Police Department.

During their law enforcement careers, both men received numerous accolades for their dedication to protecting their community. May we remember their selfless commitment, their service, and ultimately their sacrifice.

Their families are in the thoughts and prayers of myself, this body, and everyone in Mississippi.

FIGHTING FOR YOUR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

(Mr. SORENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, this past Sunday, we marked the 50th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. I remain outraged by the Supreme Court's decision to rip away the fundamental right to safe and legal abortion.